

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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INTERNATIONAL CENTRE FOR GENETIC ENGINEERING AND BIOTECHNOLOGY

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Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the activities of International Centre for Genetic Engineering and Biotechnology(ICGEB), New Delhi are financed by the Government of India through Department of Biotechnology;

(b) if so, fund provided to ICGEB during last three years in detail yearly and category-wise;

(c) whether these funds are audited by the competent authority;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the existing means for checking misuse, if any of said funds ?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (SHRI BACHI SINGH RAWAT)

(a) : International Centre for Genetic Engineering and Biotechnology (ICGEB), an Autonomous Centre under the UN System, has been given all the privileges and immunities like other UN organizations in India by the Government of India through a Gazette Notification from the Ministry of External Affairs. There is also a Headquarters Agreement between the Government of India and the ICGEB under which different provisions have been made concerning the seat of the Centre at New Delhi. The Department of Biotechnology is a nodal agency responsible for making host-country contribution to the Centre and other links with the government.

(b) : The funds provided by Department of Biotechnology, Government of India, to ICGEB which has two components at New Delhi and Trieste, Italy, during the last three years are as follows :

(Rs. in lakhs)

Host Country	Project Support		
Year	Contribution	(Only as specific contract)	Total

1998-1999	500.00	5.48	505.48
1999-2000	500.00	3.91	503.91
119.00+	-	119.00	
2000-2001	500.00	-	500.00

+ One time grant for P3 Facility and airconditioning as per Headquarters Agreement.

(c),(d)&(e) : Yes Sir. The funds of the ICGEB are audited by a competent statutory authority, elected periodically by Board of Governors. At present, it is being audited annually by the Comptroller & Auditor General of India, who is the elected audit authority.